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SENATOR BEUTLER: Right, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: And, Mr. President, I have a further note that Senator Wickersham would like to withdraw AM747.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Substitute, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: The next one....

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: That would be.... Okay, fine.

CLERK: Mr. President, in that case the next amendment I have to the bill is by Senators Wickersham and Beutler, AM1120. (Amendment is on file in the Clerk's Office.)

SENATOR LANDIS: Senator Wickersham, you are recognized on your amendment.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Thank you, Mr. President. I would also note that Senator Hudkins is a cosigner of that amendment as well. The amendment does three things. One, it incorporates into this bill the provisions of LB 677, a bill of Senator Beutler's, concerning concurrent jurisdiction of the county courts in domestic relations issues. It incorporates, with...it doesn't exactly incorporate a bill that I introduced to delay the effective date of a bill we passed last year dealing with the same subject matter. And it incorporates an amendment of Senator Hudkins concerning the Judicial Resources Commission. I will, in a moment, if I may, Senator Beutler, I'll yield to you some time so you can explain the effects of (LB) 677 as that's amended into the bill. The delayed effective date that is a portion of the amendment that is attributable to my bill delays the effective date of the concurrent jurisdiction to 1-1-98. Senator Hudkins' amendment, and she may wish to additionally speak to that as well, concerns the majority or the vote that is necessary within the Judicial Resources Commission to make a recommendation. Her amendment causes that to be a majority of the commission rather than a majority of those present, which I believe is our current rule, or rather than the amendment that we adopted on General File, which was eight votes, which was an amendment that I proposed. But Senator Hudkins was uncomfortable with that and asked that it be a majority of the